GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

General Administration Department – Cabinet - Comprehensive policies on reduction of consumption of alcohol and sustainable sand mining issued – Curbing of illegal activities relating to liquor and sand – Creation of new Department "Special Enforcement Bureau" as an exclusive robust enforcement agency – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (CABINET.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 41 Dated: 09-05-2020.

ORDER :

The Government have committed itself to reduce alcohol consumption in the State with a view to improve the standard of physical quality of life of its people. Several proactive measures have been taken such as removing of belt shops, reduction of liquor retail outlets, removal of private persons in retail liquor operations, dispensing with permit rooms, reduction in maximum possession limit of liquor, enhancement of penalties for intoxicants related offences, etc., towards the cause of reduction in alcohol consumption and moving towards better life. In furtherance of the stated policy, it is decided to control effectively and strictly, all illegal activities relating to liquor.

2. Further, the Government is also committed to conservation of Environment and sustainable sand mining and framed a comprehensive sand policy to address the issues of indiscriminate mining of sand, black marketing, hoarding and illegal cross border smuggling of sand. As sand is created by slow geological processes and is not evenly distributed, the Government delegated powers to the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited as an agent for better extraction, transportation and disposal of river sand.

3. In order to implement the above two committed policies of Government and realize the policy objectives, there is a strong felt need to put in place a robust mechanism with a special focus by creating a dedicated and specialized Department and curb all kinds of illegal activities relating to liquor and sand.

4. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby create a new Department called "**Special Enforcement Bureau**". The structure and hierarchy of the Department is as follows:

a) The Department of **Special Enforcement Bureau** is part of General Administration Department and is headed by Director General of Police (HoPF) as the Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary to Government.
b) The Ex-Officio Prl. Secretary will have a secretarial assistance of one Middle Level Officer (MLO), one Asst. Secretary and two Sections.
c) The Special Enforcement Bureau Department will have a Commissionerate headed by the Commissioner who will be the Head of Department (HoD) in the rank of Inspector General of Police or above.
d) There will be one Addl. SP/ ASP, SEB in each district for all the 18 Police Units, among which 7 Officers will be in the rank of Cadre Officers and remaining will be non-cadre.

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5. Separate orders will be issued for defining the structure and staffing pattern both in the Commissionerate and in the 18 Police Units.

6. To achieve the objectives of the newly created Department viz. "**Special Enforcement Bureau**", necessary amendments will be made in the extant laws and if required, new enactment will be promulgated.

7. Necessary amendments to the First Schedule of the A.P. Government Business Rules, 2018 will be issued separately.

8. The Revenue Department, Industries and Commerce Department and Finance Department shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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